

## **Sudan Partnership Conference: Joint Press Release by the Co-Hosts**

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Sudan is at a historic turning point: On its way to peace and democracy, many challenges lie ahead. To sustain the momentum and make the political and economic transition a success, the High-Level Sudan Partnership Conference, today gathered around 50 countries and international organisations.

During the conference, the participants took stock of the achievements of the Sudanese transition so far, and discussed the challenges ahead. Building on the progress made by the Transitional Government in putting in place political and economic reforms, a strong political consensus emerged to support Sudan and its transition in building peace, democratic governance and inclusive economic recovery as well as in progressing towards debt relief.

Participating delegations agreed on a Joint Communiqué, which underlines the necessity of this political partnership and economic support as well as outlines the way forward to support Sudan in its transition: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/sudan-partnership/2357792>

To support Sudan's economic reforms and mitigate their social impact on its population, international partners pledged over 1.8 billion US-Dollar, to which the World Bank Group committed to providing an additional pre-arrears clearance grant of up to USD 400 million. This includes support to improving macro-economic stabilisation and the Sudan Family Support Program, which will provide vital assistance to millions of vulnerable people, direct help to enhance Sudan's capacity to respond to COVID-19, and more generally humanitarian assistance and development cooperation.

This Conference marks the start of a process, which will be followed by subsequent engagement by the international community to take stock of the progress made by Sudan in implementing reforms and to allow its partners to adapt their support accordingly.